



# City of Colorado Springs

City Hall  
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Colorado Springs, CO  
80903

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, March 24, 2015

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

#### Rollcall

**Present:** 8 - Councilmember Larry Bagley, President Pro Tem Merv Bennett, Councilmember Helen Collins, Councilmember Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Jan Martin, Councilmember Andy Pico, and Councilmember Val Snider

**Excused:** 1 - President Keith King

### 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was led by Scotty Vaughn, Church on the Ranch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pro Tem Bennett.

### 3. Changes to Agenda/Postponements

Councilmember Knight pulled agenda items 5.B.F. and 5.B.G. off the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Pico pulled agenda item 5.B.B. off the Consent Calendar.

Citizen Charles Barber pulled agenda item 5.A.A. off the Consent Calendar.

### 4. Councilmember Comments

There were no Councilmember comments.

### 5. Consent Calendar

These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless a specific item is called for discussion by a Councilmember or a citizen wishing to address the City Council. (Any items called up for separate consideration shall be acted upon following the Mayor's Business.)

#### 5A. Second Presentation:

## 5B. First Presentation:

**5B.A. 15-00200** City Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2015

The meeting minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

**5B.C. 15-00135** A resolution authorizing the acquisition of a portion of property owned by Danion and Janice E. Gill for the Woodmen Road Corridor Improvements Project (Phase 2).

Res/Ord Number: 25-15

This resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

**5B.D. 15-00163** An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of Colorado Springs from PIP-1 (Planned Industrial Park) to PBC/CR (Planned Business Center with Conditions of Record) relating 2.41 acres addressed as 3325 Meadow Ridge Drive, located north of Lexington Drive and west of Bordeaux Drive.

(Quasi-Judicial Matter)

Res/Ord Number: 15-23

This Ordinance was approved on first reading on the Consent Calendar.

**5B.E. 15-00169** A minor amendment to the Skate America development plan. (Quasi-Judicial Matter)

This agenda item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**5B.H. 15-00190** Setting a Public Hearing Date for the Dublin Towne Centre Annexation (CPC A 14-00010) (Legislative Matter)

Res/Ord Number: 26-15

This agenda item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**5B.I. 15-00204** A Resolution Approving Submission of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Alternative Fuels Initiative Grant Application for Development of a Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station and Execution of a Grant Agreement Awarding Funds for Development of a Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station for CSU

Res/Ord Number: 27-15

This resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gaebler, seconded by Councilmember Pico, that all

matters on the Consent Calendar be passed, adopted, and approved by unanimous consent of the members present. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.

**Aye:** 8 - Bagley, Bennett, Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Pico, and Snider

**Excused:** 1 - King

## 6. Recognitions

### **6.A. 15-00187** A Resolution designating April 6-11, 2015 National Community Development Week

Res/Ord Number: 28-15

Aimee Cox, Community Initiatives Manager, provided an overview of the community projects in progress throughout the City and requested Council approval of this designation.

**Motion by Councilmember Gaebler, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to approve the resolution designating April 6-11, 2015 National Community Development Week. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.**

**Aye:** 8 - Bagley, Bennett, Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Pico, and Snider

**Excused:** 1 - King

## 7. Citizen Discussion

Citizen Brandy Williams, former Councilmember, expressed appreciation for the City employee's and all the work they do. She also thanked Councilmembers Martin and Snider for their service on Council.

Citizen Deborah Stout-Meiningner spoke about ethical politics.

Citizen Charles Barber spoke about effective City government/administration.

Citizen Carl Strow spoke about corruption in the local government.

Citizen Jim Bensberg voiced concern about a decision made by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to allow a nature trail to be constructed in the Cheyenne Canyon area, between the Broadmoor and Seven Falls.

Citizen Ann Bell thanked Council for having the Hearing Loop technology installed in the City Council Chambers.

## 8. Mayor's Business

Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff, invited everyone to the Venezia Park groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 10 am and announced the Mayors Cup Golf tournament to be held May 21, 2015.

## 9. Items Called Off Consent Calendar

**5A.A. 15-00124** Ordinance No. 15-21 setting the salary of Mayor pursuant to City Charter § 13-20(a).

Res/Ord Number: 15-21

Citizen Charles Barber stated he pulled this item off the Consent Calendar to emphasize the need to double the Mayor's salary in hopes of having the next Mayor be more productive and effective.

**Motion by Councilmember Gaebler, seconded by Councilmember Martin, that the Ordinance setting the salary of Mayor be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.**

**Aye:** 8 - Bagley, Bennett, Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Pico, and Snider

**Excused:** 1 - King

**5B.B. 15-00192** Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Pico made a motion to table the Human Relations Boards and Commission appointment for three weeks and approve the appointments to the Liquor & Beer Licensing Board.

**Motion by Councilmember Pico, seconded by Councilmember Bagley, to approve the Liquor & Beer Licensing Board appointments and to postpone the Human Relation Commission appointment for 3 weeks. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.**

**Aye:** 8 - Bagley, Bennett, Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Pico, and Snider

**Excused:** 1 - King

**5B.F. 15-00184** An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of Colorado Springs relating to a 0.143 acre lot from PUD/CR (Planned Unit Development with Conditions of Record) to R-2 (Two-family Residential).  
(Quasi-Judicial Matter)

Res/Ord Number: 15-24

Councilmember Knight explained he pulled this off the Consent Calendar to ask about the parking plan, one space for a duplex, and if the neighborhood inquiries and meetings had provided any feedback regarding the variance.

Mike Schultz, Senior Planner, stated there was no response from neighbors regarding this variance.

**Motion by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Pico, that the ordinance to approve the change of zoning district from PUD/CR (Planned Unit Development with Conditions of Record) to R-2 (Two-family Residential), based upon the finding that it complies with the review criteria of City Code Section 7.5.603.B, be approved on first reading. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.**

**Aye:** 8 - Bagley, Bennett, Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Pico, and Snider

**Excused:** 1 - King

**5B.G. 15-00185** A non-use variance application related to 544 W. Monument Street. (Quasi-Judicial Matter)

Please see comments in agenda item 5.B.F.

**Motion by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Pico, to approve the following two non-use variance requests: 1) To allow a duplex on a 6,290 square foot lot where 7,000 square feet is required. 2) To allow one (1) off-street parking stall where two (2) off-street parking stalls are required; based upon the finding that the variances comply with the review criteria for granting a variance as set forth in City Code Section 7.5.802.B. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.**

**Aye:** 8 - Bagley, Bennett, Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Pico, and Snider

**Excused:** 1 - King

## 10. Utilities Business

**10.A. 15-00145** A Resolution Setting the Electric Cost Adjustment effective April 1, 2015

Res/Ord Number: 29-15

Bill Cherrier, Chief Planning and Finance Officer for CSU, provided an overview of the proposed decrease in electric rates due to the reduction in the natural gas market prices and the return of Drake Power Plant Unit 5 to service. There were no questions or comment from Council on this agenda item.

**Motion by Councilmember Pico, seconded by Councilmember Collins, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1.**

**Aye:** 8 - Bagley, Bennett, Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Pico, and Snider

**Excused:** 1 - King

## 11. Unfinished Business

**11.A. 15-00114** Ordinance No. 15-22 establishing a Food Policy Advisory Board

Res/Ord Number: 15-22

Councilmember Collins stated she cannot support an additional Board adding she supports public safety and infrastructure. Councilmember Gaebler stated this board is a recommending body and a tool for providing a voice for the community to City Council.

**Motion by Councilmember Gaebler, seconded by Councilmember Pico, that the Ordinance be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3-1.**

**Aye:** 5 - Bagley, Bennett, Gaebler, Martin, and Snider

**No:** 3 - Collins, Knight, and Pico

**Excused:** 1 - King

## 12. New Business

### **12.A. 15-00188** A resolution in support of Colorado Springs' Council of Neighbors and Organizations and Neighbor Up! Week in Colorado Springs

Res/Ord Number: 30-15

Councilmember Bagley read a proclamation in support of designating April 9-12, 2015 as Neighbor Up! week and recognizing CONO.

Councilmember Gaebler provided a brief overview of this resolution which expresses appreciation for the work done by CONO, authorizes financial support from City Council and recommends the appointment of a City Council member to the CONO Advisory Committee. The financial support will assist CONO with training community leaders.

Council requested additional information about the CONO budget and how funds will be used.

Dave Munger, President of CONO, stated CONO will be accountable for any and all funds spent. Mr. Munger believes the plan will save the City money, time, energy and effort by organizing projects to improve public safety and quality of life, adding most of the financial support will come from the private sector, and most of the work will be done by volunteers. Mr. Munger requested Council support a small investment that will result in rewards ten times over.

Councilmember Knight believes CONO will be responsible with the funds and benefit neighborhoods and HOA's struggling with a variety of problems and he supports this initiative.

Mr. Munger provided a copy of the CONO budget to Council.

Councilmember Pico requested information on the cost avoidance for the City. Mr. Munger stated the objective of CONO is to train neighborhood leaders to hold neighborhood meetings, obtain resources and improve neighborhoods saving the City time, effort and money by having citizens trained to handle issues.

Councilmember Collins asked about endorsements. Mr. Munger stated CONO does not endorse candidates for office.

Citizen Rick Villa, secretary for the Middle Shooks Run community organization, spoke in opposition to government providing financial support to CONO.

Citizen Charles Barber spoke about frustration he has encountered with the relationship between his neighborhood organization and the City.

**Motion by Councilmember Gaebler, seconded by Councilmember Snider, that the resolution be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2-1.**

**Aye:** 6 - Bagley, Bennett, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, and Snider

**No:** 2 - Collins, and Pico

**Excused:** 1 - King

### 13. Public Hearing

There was not a Public Hearing.

### 14. Added Item Agenda

There were no Added Agenda Items.

### 15. Executive Session

There was not an Executive Session.

### 16. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned.

William Powell  
Deputy City Clerk